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QUOTE OF THE WEEK – "... Environmental stewardship and economic development need not be in conflict if you are smart about how growth is pursued." – Norman, Oklahoma, Chamber of Commerce President Mike Bergery

WATERSHED CONTACTS

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- Environmentally sensitive dirt & gravel road maintenance
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- Stormwater complaints

EMERGENCIES – (800) 541-4741

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- Illegal dumping of wastes
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- Industrial sewage problems
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- Underground storage tank failures

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- Wildlife (fish, reptiles, amphibians) nuisance problems or to report violations

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- Wildlife (mammals or birds) to report violations or nuisance problems

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- Illegal dumping on state forest and park lands

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- Air pollution by burning household garbage
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- Stormwater management

NOXIOUS PLANTS – (717) 772-5209

RECYCLING – (717) 845-1066

WETLANDS – (717) 249-2522

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WATERSHED ALLIANCE NEWS

[Alliance for Aquatic Resource Monitoring \(ALLARM\)](http://www.dickinson.edu/allarm) – www.dickinson.edu/allarm

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[Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay](http://www.alliancechesbay.org/) – www.alliancechesbay.org/

<> Contact: Donna Morelli, Director Pennsylvania Office, 3310 Market Street Suite A, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania 17011. Phone: (717) 737-8622 Fax: (717) 737-8650. E-Mail: acbpa@acb-online.org

[American Rivers](http://www.americanrivers.org) – www.americanrivers.org

<> Contact: Sara Dueling, Associate Director, Restoring Rivers Initiative, American Rivers, Pennsylvania Field Office, 355 N. 21st Street, Suite 309, Camp Hill, PA 17011. Phone: 717.763.0741

[Carroll Citizens for Sensible Growth](http://carrollcitizens.com/) - <http://carrollcitizens.com/>

<> Contact: Deana Weaver at (717) 432-2211 or admin@carrollcitizens.com

[Codorus Creek Improvement Partnership](http://www.codoruscreek.com) – www.codoruscreek.com

- Saturday and Sunday, June 21st & 22nd, 9 to 5, Codorus Creek Cleanup, City of York. Celebrate the Solstice and join the Codorus Creek Improvement Partnership, Stewards of the Lower Susquehanna, and the Watershed Alliance of York in the 7th Annual Codorus Cleanup. Each year CCIP picks a different section of the Codorus to clean up, and this year we are back to the city. In 2002 volunteers removed over 50 tons of debris during a 10-day cleanup in this area. Fortunately, it has not gotten nearly as bad as it was back then, but we still have some work to do. PS, there will be Smallmouth fishing after the cleanup. Last week I caught a 16 inch smallie and a 12 incher that was 3 inches wide with eggs. I also had one that was bigger, but it leaped out of the water, and threw off the hook... really! Eugene Kraybill was there to see it.

- May 22 – Next meeting, 7:00 PM, at 324 W. Market St., York, PA.

<> Contact: Karen Noll, President, Codorus Creek Improvement Partnership, at 324 W. Market St., York PA 17401. Ph: 717-718-5431. E-mail: info@codoruscreek.com

[Codorus Creek Watershed Association](http://www.codoruscreek.net) – www.codoruscreek.net

- HELP-Buffers Program accepting applications for 2008 projects
 - Next Meeting: July 14, at Jeff Kuhn's River Roost
- <> Contact: Jim Leaman at 843-2929

[Codorus Implementation Committee](http://www.ecoconstructionllc.net)

<> Contact: Jake Romig, Coordinator, 848-4717 or e-mail jakeromig@ecoconstructionllc.net

[Conewago Canoe Club](http://www.conewagocanooclub.org) – www.conewagocanooclub.org

- July 3 – Next meeting of club, 7:00 pm, at Mount Zion United Church of Christ at Ridgewood Road in Pleasureville.
- Check web site for pool schedule and other activities

[Deer Creek Watershed Association](http://www.harfordcountymd.gov/PlanningZoning/WRAS) – www.harfordcountymd.gov/PlanningZoning/WRAS.

<> Contact Lee McDaniel at ldmcdaniel@aol.com.

[Friends of Codorus State Park](http://www.friendsofcodorus.org) – www.friendsofcodorus.org

<> Contact Codorus State Park, 2600 Smith Station Road, Hanover, PA 17331. (717) 637-2816. Warren Werntz, Manager

[Friends of Loch Raven Reservoir](mailto:FriendsLochRaven@aol.com) – FriendsLochRaven@aol.com

<> Contact: Nate Thompson 410-667-9825 (home) or natect@gmail.com

[Greater Hanover Alliance](mailto:pwingert@legacycaps.com) – pwingert@legacycaps.com

<> Contact: G. Paige Wingert, President, Greater Hanover Alliance, Inc., Hanover, PA 17331. Ph :(717) 630-0892.

[Gunpowder Valley Conservancy](http://www.gunpowdervalley.org/) – www.gunpowdervalley.org/

<> Resource: http://www.gunpowderfalls.org/2006/08/sept_16th_join_.html

[Izaak Walton League York Chapter](http://www.yorkchapter67iwla.org/) – www.yorkchapter67iwla.org/

- June 10 – Board meeting, 7:00 pm, at Clubhouse
- June 18 – Club meeting 7:00 pm, at Clubhouse

<> Contact Lee Irwin 428-9368

[Izaak Walton League Pinchot Chapter](http://www.lyhr.org)

- Meets second Tuesday of each month at Clubhouse

<> Contact: Colin L. Wolfe crccwolfe@aol.com

[Lancaster-York Heritage Region](http://www.lyhr.org) – www.lyhr.org

<> Contact Mark Platts, Lancaster-York Heritage Region, 1706 Long Level Road, Wrightsville, PA 17368. Office: 717-252-0229. E-mail: info@lyhr.org.

Lower Susquehanna Riverkeeper - www.LowerSusquehannaRiverkeeper.org

Greetings! Howdy Creek Folks! I know it's been a while since you heard from us, but things are back up and running at CCIP!

- We had an Earth Day event where we labeled close to 100 storm drains around York City with the "Do Not Dump, Drains to River" plaques.
- We recently planted 80 young trees over at Kiwanis Lake to help with the Endangered Bird Habitat.
- We also helped track down the recent Kerosene spill on the Codorus and stopped several vendor stands from illegal dumping down storm drains at the York Street Fair.
- And now its time to get ready for our Annual Codorus Creek Cleanup! We will have a meeting on June 5th at the CCIP Office, 324 W Market St, to prepare for our Cleanup which will be held on June 21st and 22nd in downtown York. Please attend this meeting if you would like to help with organizing, and please let us know if you or your business would like to sponsor the event. Thanks, and can't wait to see you all again out on the Codorus!

<> Contact: Michael Helfrich, Lower Susquehanna RIVERKEEPER®, York, PA. Cell phone: 717-779-7915 E-mail: lawsusriver@hotmail.com.

Maryland's Upper West Shore Trib Team - www.dnr.state.md.us/bay/tribstrat/index.html

- Next Upper Western Shore Trib Team meeting will be held on MONDAY, June 2nd, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Mc Faul Center in Bel Air (near the MVA). While the final agenda is still pending, we anticipate a briefing from MDE of the state of septic, a discussion of an Upper Eastern Shore initiative to develop a Bay Friendly ag endorsement, and a preview of the Chesapeake Bay 2010 Trust Fund RFP!
 - June 7th Annual Bernie Fowler Chesapeake Bay Wade In at the Anita C, Leight Center. Sign-up to join the fun today!
 - Maryland's BayStat Newsletter Subscribe at www.baystat.maryland.gov
- <> Contact: Patty Larson, Tributary Strategies Program Coordinator, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, 580 Taylor Ave E-2, Annapolis, MD 21401. Phone: 410-260-8723.

Mid-Atlantic Ecological Landscapes Partnership [MAEscapes] - <http://york.extension.psu.edu/Horticulture/events.html>

Important dates to remember...

- June 20 - MAEscapes Interpretive Signage Dedication Ceremony, ANNEX. Educational programs all day long.
- June 21 - MAEscapes Summer Demonstration Site Workshop
- July 30 - Advisory Board meeting, 6:30 pm, at the ANNEX. Strategic Plan unveiling.
- Sept. 19 - Fall Demonstration Site Workshop
- Sept. 27 - Watershed Weekend Fall Open House & Native Plant Sale
- Dec. 5 - Winter Demonstration Site Workshop

<> Contact: 717-840-7408 or Connie Schmotzer at cxs51@psu.edu

Prettyboy Watershed Alliance - www.prettyboywatershed.org

<> Contact: Nancy Shaper at nshaper@ihmi.edu

Shank's Mare "Go Play Outside" - www.shanksmare.com

- Check our calendar of events link to our Website at for more information or call us toll free at 877-554-5080. All programs require advance registration and payment. "Member" rates are offered to our Adventure Club participants (\$25/year/household dues give a 10% in-shop discount, 5% additional discount on sale items, and "Member" rates on all programs).

Spoutwood Farm CSA - www.spoutwood.com

- Oct. 5 - Mother Earth Harvest Fair
- Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) project, offering organic vegetables by subscription. Spoutwood Farm is committed to connecting people with nature and each other and modeling sustainable living practices through community-supported agriculture, public festivals, and education program. Contact: Tom Harbold at edu@spoutwood.com or 717-235-6610.

<> Contact: www.spoutwood.com or contact: Rob Wood, 717-235-6610, Spoutwood@supernet.com

Sierra Club - Gov. Pinchot Group of PA - <http://pennsylvania.sierraclub.org/pinchot/>

<> Kim Anderson at sgfornyc@aol.com.

Susquehanna River Basin Commission - www.srb.net

Trout Unlimited Codorus Chapter #558 - www.codorustu.org

- June 10 - Chapter meeting, 7:00 pm, Gander Mtn., York
- <> Contact: Tom Finenze at 840-1372 or tom@codorustu.org

Trout Unlimited Muddy Creek Chapter #575 - <http://muddycreektu.org/>

- On Thursday June 5th in the afternoon the PF&BC will be bringing 600 trout to High Rock or the Forks to load up the train and run up the North Branch. Plans are still coming together so the specific meeting location is unclear at this time. And so is the specific time. But I wanted to get some feelers out there to see if we are able to respond to this request. The truck will be arriving at either 12:00 - 1:00pm or sometime after 3:00pm. So your availability would be in the afternoon. We need help with float stockers (6) and carrying buckets from the train to the stream. If you have never done this its a great experience. A liability waiver will be required to be signed by anyone riding the train. As well, the East Branch of the Codorus and the South Branch of the Codorus will also receive fish the same day. The wild card is where the truck comes first. We are lobbying for it to come to the North Branch of Muddy Creek first but the final decision is with the

PF&BC. Volunteers will also be necessary for the Codorus stocks too if that area suits your availability. Let us know if you would be available to help with this bonus stocking.

- June 18 – General Meeting 7:00pm at the Collinsville F&G Club.
- <> Contact: Ron Heuston, President MCTU, 244-1851 or Heuy1955@aol.com

[Watershed Alliance of Adams County](http://www.adamswatersheds.org/pages/5/index.htm) – www.adamswatersheds.org/pages/5/index.htm

- June 18 – Members meet, 4:30 pm. at the Adams County Ag Center, Gettysburg
- <> Contact: Michelle Kirk 717-677-4628 or email at: mkirk@adamswatersheds.org

[Watershed Alliance of York](http://www.watershedsyork.org) – www.watershedsyork.org

- Special thanks to Jen Miller and Kim Miller for their successful Gutt Road Cleanup, near Saginaw. Approximately 36 volunteers filled a 30-yard roll-off container with trash in less than 5 hours.
 - June 7 Susquehanna River Island Cleanup, at Shank's Mare, Long Level!
 - July 2 – Next Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, at CCIP (324 W. Market St., York, PA).
 - DONATE – GoodSearch.com is a new search engine that donates half its revenue to the charities its users designate. Just go to www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter WAY as the charity you want to support.
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[Yellow Breeches Watershed Association](http://www.ybwa.org) – www.ybwa.org

- Next Meeting: YBWA meetings listed on web site.
- <> Contact Bob Edwards, Secretary, at redwa218@comcast.net or (717) 761-2756

[York Audubon Society](http://www.yorkaudubon.org/) – <http://www.yorkaudubon.org/>

- Check out our new web site!
- <> Contact 717-428-3673; liriodendron@netzero.net

[YorkCounts](http://yorkcounts.org) – yorkcounts.org

[York County](http://www.york-county.org) – www.york-county.org

- <> Contact the Board of Commissioners, Administrative Center, 28 East Market St. York, PA 17401-1588. Phone: 717-771-9964.

[York County Agriculture Land Preserve](http://www.york-county.gov) – www.york-county.gov

- <> Contact Patricia McCandless, Director, 118 Pleasant Acres Road (Suite F), York, PA 17402. Hours of Operation (for business office): 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Phone: 717-840-7400. E-mail: PMcCandless@york-county.org

[York County Community Foundation](http://www.yccf.org) – www.yccf.org

- Don't miss out on the excitement! Join more than 200 of your friends and neighbors at York County Community Foundation's 2008 Annual Meeting. This year's guest speaker, Ralph R. Smith, Executive Vice President of The Annie E. Casey Foundation, will focus on how we can become real changemakers in our community. WHEN: Thursday, May 22, 2008, 5 p.m. WHERE: Yorktowne Hotel, 48 East Market Street, York.
- <> Contact Jane Sload at 717.848.3733 or jsload@yccf.org.

[York County Conservation Alliance](http://www.yorkcountyconservationalliance.org) – www.yorkcountyconservationalliance.org

- Input from attendees at the Jan. 29, 2008 meeting of YCCA vision, concerns, issues and purpose posted online.
- <> Contact: Jane Heller at info@yorkcountyconservationalliance.org or 717-845-3797, or mail to YCCA - 543 Dupont Ave, York, Pa. 17403

[York County Conservation District](http://www.yorkccd.org) – www.yorkccd.org

- June 12 – District Board of Directors meeting, 7:00 pm, at ANNEX
- <> Contact Mark Kimmel, District Manager, 118 Pleasant Acres Road, York, PA 17402. Phone: 717-840-7430. E-mail Yorkccd@yorkccd.org. Office hours: 8:30 AM-4:30 PM weekdays.

[York County Planning Commission](http://www.ycpc.org) – www.ycpc.org

- June 3 – Next Meeting of Planning Commission, 7:30 pm, York County Administrative Center, City of York, PA
- <> Contact: 717-771-9870 or e-mail planner@ycpc.org

[York County PSU Cooperative Extension](http://york.extension.psu.edu/) – <http://york.extension.psu.edu/>

- <> Contact Jeff Myers, Director, 112 Pleasant Acres Road, York, PA 17402-9041. Phone: 717-840-7408. Office Hours: 8:00 to 4:30. County Email: YorkExt@psu.edu.

[York County Environment Corps](http://www.watershedalliance.org) – www.watershedalliance.org

- <> Contact: Gary Bartell. Ph: 751-2412.



WATERSHED EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Pennsylvania Ground Water Association Holding a Summer Field Conference – Jun 6

Join us for a full day of field demonstrations and exhibits at the PGWA Well Demonstration Site on Friday, June 6, 2008 in Rock Springs, PA. The registration fee of \$35 will be waived for employees or members of any federal, state, or local government agency or entity. Complete the free registration form on the PGWA Web site. The registration deadline is May 30. Link: <http://www.pgwa.org>. Contact: toddgiddings@verizon.net

New Training Workshop for Water Quality Credit Trading – Aug 18 & 19

The Conservation Technology Information Center (CTIC) invites farmers, agricultural advisors and wastewater utilities to attend a workshop on water quality credit trading. The workshop will take place August 19 and 20, 2008, at the Troy-Hayner Cultural Center in Troy, Ohio. Water Quality Credit Trading programs bring together agriculture and the wastewater community to solve difficult water quality issues. The Conservation Technology Information Center (CTIC), in conjunction with the Environmental Trading Network (ETN), the Water Environment Federation (WEF) and Certified Crop Advisers, is hosting a two-day water quality credit trading workshop. This will be a detailed, intensive training program on water quality trading for agricultural operators, Ag advisors, potential water quality trading aggregators and municipal wastewater facilities. Expert speakers will introduce the concepts, benefits and challenges of trading and the steps involved in developing a trading program. The training will include interactive breakout sessions to give participants specific skills to develop or participate in a trading program. Case studies will be highlighted so participants can learn from existing programs. In addition to the two-day workshop, attendees will have the opportunity to network with each other at a social event the evening of August 19. The Troy-Hayner Cultural Center is located outside Dayton, Ohio. Lodging is available at the Fairfield Inn and Suites in Troy, Ohio, at the reduced rate of \$84 per night. Book your room early as this rate is guaranteed only through July 18. For more information or to register for the workshop, please [CLICK HERE](#) or contact CTIC at 765-494-9555 or ctic@conservationinformation.org.

Water Quality Standards Academy: New On-line Training Course

EPA has developed a multi-media, web-based training course for state and tribal employees and the general public on key aspects of the water quality standards program and other related Clean Water Act programs. This internet-based training program is an abbreviated version of the week-long, in-class Water Quality Standards Academy course, and includes the following modules: (1) Introduction to EPA and the Clean Water Act, (2) Waterbody Uses, (3) Water Quality Criteria, (4) Antidegradation, (5) Standards Submittal and Approval, and (6) Variances, Using Attainability Analyses, Mixing Zones and Other Flexibility Options. Each of the modules is designed to be completed in about 15 minutes. The modules present text-based information across a sequence of pages that include user interactions, links to further information and resources, brief video clips that expand on important points, and brief quizzes. The online training course is designed for people with little familiarity with the water quality standards program, but it can also serve as a good “refresher” for people with experience in this subject. To access the online training course, visit <http://www.epa.gov/waterscience/standards/academy/>. For more information, please contact Ibrahim (Bryan) Goodwin at 202-566-0762 or goodwin.bryan@epa.gov.

Ask Dr. Waters!

The link below will take you to an educational drinking water website that one of our Master Well Owners (Michael Reisenwitz) created. It is a lot of fun and informative too. His contact information is also located just below the link. I encourage each of you to take a second and check it out. For more information, contact Michael (Dr. Waters) Reisenwitz, Source Water Protection Educator, Brodhead Creek Regional Authority at (570) 421-3232. Try me...www.DrWaters.org

More than 200 schools, 6,500 students active in watershed education efforts

Between July 1, 2006, and June 30, 2007, Bureau of State Parks' environmental education specialists continued to put forth a tremendous effort to educate middle and high school teachers and students on the topic of watersheds in Pennsylvania. During 2007, 202 schools and 6,652 students and teachers actively participated in watershed education with the bureau. Similar to last year, state parks and environmental education centers facilitated more programs with students than teachers, as indicated by the attendance at field trainings, student summits, and program orientations. The shift from teachers to students was expected as environmental education specialists expanded the program from the introductory stage of teacher workshops to involving students. Student participation with park staff leveled off this year, once again reaching over 3,000 participants. Another 3,500 students are still actively involved in the program but are working directly through their teachers. The number of teacher workshops offered successfully increased slightly this year. Additionally in the upcoming 2008 school year, all schools will be tested on the PA Department of Education's academic standards for environment and ecology. More information on the bureau's Watershed Education program can be obtained from Natural Resource Program Specialist Amy Hill, Bureau of State Parks. Tel.: (717) 783-4361.

EE Connections – Jun 2008

An electronic newsletter linking Pennsylvanians with environmental news and information. Inside this issue:

- PA's Resources, Open Spaces get Grant Funding
- PEEC Honored for Green Design
- TreeVitalize Pittsburgh Forms to Grow Region's Tree Cover
- Free CFL Bulb Collection in Allegheny County
- Pennsylvania 2008 Farm Market Guide Available
- Two Philadelphia Teams Take 'Green' Steps

<> Resource: www.pcee.org



WATERSHED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Pennsylvania Receives \$42.4 Million for Water, Wastewater Projects from EPA

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency this week awarded \$42.4 million to Pennsylvania to improve water quality. Over the past 20 years, Pennsylvania has received over \$1 billion from EPA for water and wastewater projects. The funding has been awarded to Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority to further capitalize its Clean Water State Revolving Fund, which provides low interest loans for the construction of water treatment facilities, nonpoint source and estuary projects and other water quality management activities. Projects supported by this fund protect and improve water quality in the Commonwealth's rivers, lakes and streams for drinking, recreation and natural habitat. Eligible projects include upgrades to wastewater treatment facilities and collection systems. Projects for wastewater treatment facilities include planning, design and construction of new facilities and improvements to existing treatment plants, sewers and collection lines. Nonpoint source and estuary projects include construction of structures to prevent and control erosion, ponds to control storm water runoff, equipment and structures used for animal waste and agricultural best management practices. For more information, visit the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund webpage at <http://www.epa.gov/OWM/cwfinance/cwsrf/index.htm>.

PA Fair Share for Clean Water Plan

A new coalition is calling on the PA Legislature and Governor Rendell to pass the "PA Fair Share for Clean Water Plan" to assist farmers and municipalities with funds needed to meet Chesapeake Bay and local water quality requirements. Can your organization, business or farm join our coalition to support this important proposal? The Fair Share Coalition includes the PA Farm Bureau, PA Municipal Authorities Association, PA Association of Conservation Districts, PA Builders Association, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, and others listed on the "Supporters" attachment. The Overview describes the Fair Share Plan that would:

- provide \$100 million per year to municipalities for sewage treatment plant upgrades (total of \$500 m over 7 years)
- provide \$35 million per year to farmers statewide through REAP tax credits for conservation (duration = 5 years)
- provide \$15 million per year to farmers statewide through cost share for conservation (duration = 5 years)
- provide \$10 million per year in new funds for conservation districts to deliver key conservation programs
- restore state funding for key agriculture programs including nutrient management, research, etc.
- enhance the state's nutrient credit trading program to make trading a viable option

We need your help! Please consider joining the coalition as a supporting organization by filling out the attached form or just send us an email to include your group as a "Fair Share Supporter" along with others who are joining the cause. Please don't hesitate to call with questions or suggestions. Again, thanks so much for your help with REAP last year. To be sure, the Fair Share Plan will need even broader support to be included in this year's state budget to be negotiated in the coming weeks. Thanks so much for your attention. We look forward to adding your group to our clean water list. Kim Patten, PA Deputy Director & Grassroots Coordinator, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, 614 N Front Street, Ste G, Harrisburg, PA 17101. Phone: 717/234-5550, ext. 214. Web: www.cbf.org. Please note: Monday our website for the Fair Share Plan will be live. . . check it out at http://www.cbf.org/site/PageServer?pagename=pafscw_main&JServSessionIdr007=56ip5pb133.app24a.

Applications Due for New Round of State Wildlife Grants – Jun 13

Game Commission Executive Director Carl G. Roe this week announced an invitation for project applications to the State Wildlife Grants Program. Grant applications are due June 13. Projects funded under this program will help address conservation needs for high-priority projects for endangered, threatened and at-risk species across Pennsylvania. The federal dollars for this program are awarded through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's State Wildlife Grants Program. This year, the Game Commission is requesting applicants submit "Letters of Intent" rather than complete project proposals. Selected applicants then will be invited to submit full proposals. The Game Commission hopes to finalize project selections in September and award contracts later this year. Also, for the first time, the Wild Resource Conservation Program has explicitly stated that it will be taking a close look at projects that meet Pennsylvania Wildlife Action Plan priorities. Because distribution of SWG funds is based upon land area and population size, Pennsylvania has received a large proportion of these funds, ranking among the top six states in funding received to date. However, conservation needs annually outpace the funds available, so competition for funding remains fierce among prospective projects. For more information on Game Commission priorities for the 2008 SWG's call for projects, and guidelines for letters of intent, visit the Game Commission's [State Wildlife Grants webpage](#).

GRANTS AVAILABLE TO HELP LOCAL GOVERNMENTS REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS - Aug 29

To help local governments play a role in combating climate change, the commonwealth is making \$300,000 available through a new grant program so municipalities can reduce greenhouse gas emissions, conserve energy, and lower operating expenses. Under the Local Government Greenhouse Gas Pilot Grant Program, municipalities or regional partnerships can apply for grants to hire technical service providers who can help establish greenhouse gas emissions inventories and then develop plans to reduce emissions. A greenhouse gas inventory totals emission levels from direct and indirect activities, while an action, or mitigation, plan offers specific recommendations on how to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Recommendations can be tailored to the specific needs of a municipality. If implemented, the recommendations can help a municipality improve its energy efficiency and reduce energy costs, which will yield additional long-term savings. Local governments are not required to implement the measures identified through the grant program. Individual municipalities can qualify for up to \$20,000. A regional application, with multiple municipalities, can request greater amounts, but not more than \$20,000 per participating municipality. Applications will be judged based on the following criteria:

- Energy use and efficiency
- Use of renewable energy
- Commitment to greenhouse gas reduction
- Efficient land-use planning and management
- Financial and in-kind contributions
- Contractor experience and qualifications
- Contractor resources and location

DEP targets municipalities from all regions of Pennsylvania representing diverse economies. Grant funding will be awarded on an upfront basis. Applicants are encouraged, but not required, to provide either a financial match or in-kind contributions. The deadline for submitting applications is Aug. 29. For more information or to download an application, visit www.depweb.state.pa.us, keyword: Grants.

SUCCESSFUL GRANT WRITING 101: Professional Grant Proposal Writing – Aug 28 & 29

Workshop being held in Philadelphia 8/28 - 8/29, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Professional Education Development's SUCCESSFUL GRANT WRITING 101 course is designed for beginners looking for a thorough introduction and a refresher course that will strengthen grant acquisition skills. It is an intensive and detailed introduction to the process, structure, and skill of professional proposal writing with an instructor who is an expert in the field. This course is characterized by its ability to act as a thorough overview, introduction, and refresher at the same time. Participants will learn the entire proposal writing process and complete the course with a solid understanding of not only the ideal proposal structure, but a competent understanding of the essential factors. The course includes completion of interactive exercises and activities with an expert in the field. Overall, this course will create professional grant proposal writers who will achieve results. Participants will become competent program planning and proposal writing professionals after successful completion of the SUCCESSFUL GRANT WRITING 101 course. In two active and informative days, students will be exposed to the art of successful grant writing practices and be led on a journey that will end with a masterful grant proposal. Tuition includes all materials. Please register at www.pedgrants.com or contact us by phone and we will reserve your slot. (Must be registered to attend)

USDA Authorizes CRP Use for Livestock Feed – Nov 10

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced this week the authorization of more than 24 million acres of land enrolled under the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) to be available for haying and grazing after the primary nesting season ends for grass-nesting birds. The eligibility of some CRP land for haying and grazing provides a critical feed supply for livestock producers facing high market prices for feed. Another potential benefit of the managed approach is that it can also improve the diversity and health of a stand by reducing invasive plant species and can provide long-term benefits for wildlife. Eligible land must have a conservation plan, may not be hayed or grazed during the primary nesting season and will be subject to a site inspection to ensure compliance with the conservation plan. Some of the eligible land or forage on the land must also be reserved for wildlife. In addition, the most environmentally-sensitive land enrolled in CRP will not be eligible for grazing or haying. Participating lands will not be assessed rental payment reduction. However, a \$75 fee will be charged to process the required contract modification. This modification for critical feed use is only for 2008. Sign-up begins June 2, 2008 and all haying and grazing use must be completed no later than November 10, 2008. The management of CRP land by allowing haying and grazing is consistent with NACD policy, which supports managed haying and grazing of CRP acres for the benefit of stand vigor and wildlife. More information this CRP announcement is available on the Farm Service Agency website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/conservation>.



WATERSHED PLANNING & POLICY

A national plan for infrastructure

In 1808, at the request of President Thomas Jefferson, Treasury Secretary Albert Gallatin created a national plan of ports, roads, and inland waterways to encourage settlement of the nation and facilitate trade. In 1908, Theodore Roosevelt convened governors to draft a plan for inland waterways, irrigation, river restoration and dam projects, in tandem with the nation's vast railway network. In 2008, a new national plan for infrastructure is taking shape, responding to 21st century challenges including economic competitiveness, energy independence, and the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. At "Rebuilding and Renewing America: Toward a 21st Century Infrastructure Investment Plan" on May 9 in Washington D.C., members of Congress, representatives of state government, and civic, business and labor leaders came together to share ideas on the ambitious task. The forum, a project of [America 2050](http://www.america2050.org), an initiative of the [Lincoln Institute of Land Policy](http://www.lincolninstitute.org) with the Regional Plan Association, took place at the Woodrow Wilson Center. A big emphasis of America 2050 has been thinking about the nation as a collection of about a dozen "megaregions," such as the Boston-Washington corridor or the Pacific Northwest, that share economic, environmental, and other concerns. Armando Carbonell, senior fellow at the Lincoln Institute, said that megaregions provide a useful framework for making decisions on infrastructure investments such as intercity rail. Representative Earl Blumenauer, Democrat of Oregon, said that infrastructure investment was "the most important issues not yet on the front burner" in this presidential election year, although Speaker Nancy Pelosi has it on her agenda. Other members of Congress at a session moderated by Jonathan Capehart from The Washington Post included Rosa DeLauro (D-CT), Tom Petri (R-WI), Christopher Shays (R-CT) and Jim Oberstar, chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, by video. "We have an infrastructure that has been left unattended," said Pennsylvania Governor Edward Rendell, who also spoke at the forum. "It's time to get serious." Other speakers included Terence M. O'Sullivan, president of the Laborers' International Union of North America, Rockefeller Foundation president Judith Rodin, Thomas J. Donahue, president of the US Chamber of Commerce, and Jonathan P.F. Rose, president of Jonathan Rose Companies. The forum was taped by [C-SPAN](http://www.c-span.org).

Improving Economic Health and Competitiveness through Tax Sharing

Improving Economic Health and Competitiveness through Tax Sharing from the Environmental Law Institute (ELI) assesses the experience of local governments with schemes that share portions of tax revenues in order to get better development results and avoid sprawl. The report also provides solutions for many of the problems identified in ELI's [Ten Things Wrong with Sprawl](http://www.eli.org), released in 2007. Cities, townships, and other local governments compete for tax base in ways that often lead to wasteful abandonment of existing infrastructure, and to the rapid development of lands on the exurban fringe that later demand more taxpayer-funded services. This cycle of tax-chasing behavior produces undesirable fiscal results and even worse socioeconomic and environmental results. After examining options for Pennsylvania communities and reviewing tax sharing programs in communities across the Northeast, ELI finds that such programs can slow the rate of abandonment and improve regional approaches to development. Tax sharing together with joint planning made possible the redevelopment of the former Homestead Steel Works in the Pittsburgh area. Other tax sharing approaches, such as those in the Twin Cities area of Minnesota, and in Dayton, Ohio, have helped assure that development in a fragmented metropolitan area helped all the communities rather than just a fortunate few. The report notes that tax sharing can occur under various forms of state legislation, and that pilot projects can help validate tax sharing

as an economic and environmental strategy in states where there is massive fragmentation of local governance and taxing powers over land uses. Read more or download the report through the resource link below.

<> Resource: http://www.elistore.org/reports_detail.asp?ID=11280

Draft Comprehensive Plan Released for Public Comment – Aug 18

On behalf of commissioners and staff, I am pleased to announce that the Commission has released its draft "Comprehensive Plan for the Water Resources of the Susquehanna River Basin" for a 90-day public comment period that ends on August 18, 2008. To enhance the public comment process, the Commission has scheduled three public hearings in July. The draft Plan as well as information about the public hearings and our new Maps and Data Atlas is available on the Commission's web site at <http://www.srbc.net/planning/compplanfiles.asp>.

The Susquehanna River Basin Compact requires the Commission to have a Comprehensive Plan to provide a framework for the work we do to manage and develop the basin's water resources and serve as a guide for all Commission programs and activities. The Plan also serves as a resource for the Commission's member jurisdictions, water resource managers, private sector interests and others in the Susquehanna River Basin. We invite you to review the draft Plan and welcome all comments. Thank you very much.

Draft WaterSense New Homes Specification Released

On Thursday, May 22 the WaterSense program announced a draft specification for water-efficient single-family new homes that provides the criteria new homes will need to meet to be certified and labeled under the WaterSense program. The specification is designed to ensure not only sustainable, efficient water use but also a high level of user performance satisfaction. WaterSense labeled new homes will combine WaterSense labeled products with other water-efficient fixtures and practices to reduce the amount of water used by approximately 20 percent. The draft specification establishes criteria for water-efficient new homes. Homes must meet criteria in three areas: indoor water use, outdoor water use and homeowner education. Third-party inspectors will certify that homes meet all of the required criteria. Homes meeting all the criteria will be given a WaterSense label. EPA is inviting all interested parties to provide comments during the 60 day comment period which ends on July 21, 2008. Please send any comments or suggestions regarding this draft specification to watersense-ewhomes@erg.com. (Please note, all comments become part of the public record.) EPA will also be conducting an online meeting on June 18, 2008 to discuss the draft specification. To register for the meeting, please fill out and submit the Water-Efficient Single-Family New Home Public Meeting Registration Form by June 10, 2008. For more detailed information and to obtain a copy of the draft specification for water-efficient single-family new homes, please visit <http://www.epa.gov/watersense/specs/homes.htm>. If you have questions about the draft specification for water-efficient single-family new homes or joining WaterSense, please contact the WaterSense Helpline at (866) WTR-SENS (987-7367) or e-mail watersense@erg.com.

Council of Large Aquatic Ecosystems Established

EPA Assistant Administrator for Water, Benjamin Grumbles, established a national Council of Large Aquatic Ecosystems on May 20th. The new council, made up of the director of each of ten existing large aquatic ecosystem programs and other senior managers, will work to support implementation of these ecosystem programs, facilitate communication among them, and improve links to core programs, budget and strategic planning processes, and research planning. The aquatic ecosystem programs included on the council are: the Chesapeake Bay, Great Lakes, Gulf of Mexico, Long Island Sound, South Florida, Lake Champlain, Puget Sound, Columbia River, San Francisco Bay, and Pacific Islands. More information about the council is available at http://www.epa.gov/owow/pdf/large_aquatic_ecosystems_memo.pdf



WATERSHED RESTORATION & PROTECTION

EPA Issues 2008 Report on the State of the Environment

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency this week released its [2008 Report on the Environment](#), an important resource that citizens can use to better understand trends in the condition of the air, water, and land and related changes in human health and the environment in the United States. The Report includes a regional breakdown of environmental indicators, including those for [Pennsylvania and EPA's Mid-Atlantic Region](#). The EPA 2008 ROE will also be a valuable resource that can inform and focus EPA activities to improve and protect America's environment. The EPA 2008 ROE uses scientifically sound indicators to measure and report on overall progress toward protecting the environment and human health. An environmental indicator must be quantifiable and provide valuable information on the condition of air, land, water, human health, or ecological condition. For example, one water ROE environmental indicator is the percentage each year of public or community water systems that have reported no violations of EPA health-based standards. This report and the indicators it contains were created in an open and transparent manner. The agency took the extraordinary step of having the proposed indicators reviewed in a public forum to determine if citizens- -not just scientists- -believed the proposed indicators provided the kind of information that was useful, and were supported by technically sound data. From the ROE, EPA and the public will know better where the United States needs to focus future work and resources. It is important to note that the EPA 2008 ROE is not intended as a "report card." There are both positive and negative trends contained in the report. The purpose of the EPA 2008 ROE is to create a reliable set of information that can be used for year-to-year comparisons as well as planning. It is hoped that in the future, EPA will be able to look at the trends of ROE environmental indicators over a span of years, similar to the analysis done on the 20 years of data in the Toxics Release Inventory. The EPA 2008 ROE could also lead to the development of new indicators, new monitoring strategies, and new programs and policies in areas EPA determines to be highly important based on measured environmental trends. Later this year, EPA will also publish the 2008 Report on the Environment: Highlights of National Trends (2008 ROE Highlights), which summarizes highlights of the EPA 2008 ROE without all of the technical detail. EPA is committed to releasing periodic updates of the ROE and its indicators so that up-to-date information on environmental conditions and trends is available to the American public. EPA's 2008 Report on the Environment is available online at <http://www.epa.gov/roe/>.

EPA Proposes Stormwater Construction General Permit

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to reissue its stormwater Construction General Permit for a two-year time period. The permit would apply where EPA is the permitting authority, which is in five states, most territories, and most Indian country lands. The draft permit uses the same terms and conditions as EPA's 2003 permit, which expires in July 2008. EPA is proposing the permit to coordinate with

a second effort that is underway to establish national clean water standards, known as an effluent limitation guideline, for the construction and development industry. Upon finalization of the guideline, EPA plans to include its provisions into a new and improved Construction General Permit to be reissued no later than July 2010. EPA is also requesting comment on the criteria the agency will use to recognize local erosion and sediment control program requirements in this and future permits. EPA is inviting comments on the proposed permit for a period of 30 days. Information on the proposed permit, including instructions on submitting comments: <http://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/cgp>

New Water Quality Website Released

EPA released a new database/website for water quality assessment and total maximum daily loads information. The site, known as ATTAINS, combines two formerly separate databases: the National Assessment Database (for water quality assessment information reported by the states under Section 305(b)), and the National Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) Tracking System (for impaired waters information reported by the states under Section 303(d)). The site includes state-reported information on support of designated uses; identified causes and sources of impairment; identified impaired waters; and status of actions (TMDLs) to restore impaired waters. The website allows the user to view dynamic, continuously-updated tables and charts that summarize state-reported information for the nation as a whole, for individual states and waters, and for the 10 EPA regions. The new website is now online at <http://www.epa.gov/waters/ir>.

Real-Time Water Quality Information Available

Real time water-quality data are now easily accessible online through the USGS WaterQualityWatch website (<http://water.usgs.gov/waterwatch/wqwatch>). Continuous real-time information on water quality is a vital asset that helps safeguard lives and property and ensures adequate water resources for a healthy economy. Real-time water quality measurements are available at more than 1,300 sites across the United States in streams with watersheds as small as a few square miles to more than a million square miles in the Mississippi River. Measurements include streamflow, water temperature, specific conductance, pH, dissolved oxygen, and turbidity. The public also uses the on-line data to decide whether conditions, such as water temperature or turbidity, are favorable for recreational activities such as fishing, boating or swimming. As the science advances, real-time measurements for relatively simple parameters such as temperature, conductance, and turbidity can be used to help predict more health-related conditions, such as if E. coli levels will exceed safety standards at beaches. For example, predictions of E. coli are part of a system used by the City of Wichita to ensure public safety during the Annual Riverfest in May of each year (http://ks.water.usgs.gov/Kansas/rtqw/sites/07143672/htmls/ytd/p31648_ytd_all_uv.shtml). Access additional USGS real-time water information sites by visiting WaterWatch for surface water information (<http://water.usgs.gov/waterwatch/>) and Ground-Water Watch (<http://groundwaterwatch.usgs.gov/>). USGS provides science for a changing world. For more information, visit www.usgs.gov.

Emerald Ash Borer Survey to Begin May 27

Pennsylvanians will begin to see bright purple boxes hanging from ash trees across the Commonwealth after Memorial Day, said Agriculture Secretary Dennis Wolff. They are part of the agency's effort to learn more about Emerald Ash Borers. The three-sided, 15-by-24-inch, purple panel sticky traps attract adult Emerald Ash Borers as part of a statewide survey to assess the spread of the invasive beetle that arrived in Western Pennsylvania last summer. Pictures of the trap are available online. The Department of Agriculture's crew of 70 surveyors will place traps in 35 counties. Counties are divided into 1.5 square mile grids and one trap will be hung in each accessible grid, for a total of 10,000 traps. The remaining counties will be surveyed by other cooperating state and federal agriculture agencies. Each trap is labeled with the department's website address and toll-free pest hotline-- 1-866-253-7189. Last summer, the beetle was detected in Butler and Allegheny counties. Quarantine was imposed for those counties and neighboring Beaver and Lawrence counties to restrict the movement from the quarantine area of ash nursery stock, green lumber and any other ash material, including firewood. Campers and homeowners in the quarantine area are reminded to use only locally-harvested firewood, burn all firewood on-site, and not carry it to new locations, as the borer can be spread through transport of infected firewood. Emerald Ash Borer is a wood-boring beetle native to China and eastern Asia. Adults are dark green, one-half inch in length and one-eighth inch wide, and fly only from early May until September. Larvae spend the rest of the year beneath the bark of ash trees, and when they emerge as adults, leave D-shaped holes in the bark about one-eighth inch wide. People who suspect they have seen Emerald Ash Borer should contact the department's toll-free pest hotline, 1-866-253-7189. For more information on the beetle and the quarantine, visit Agriculture's Emerald Ash Borer webpage at <http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us/agriculture/cwp/view.asp?a=3&Q=144707&PM=1>.

New Report Shows Dramatic Effects of Sea Level Rise

The National Wildlife Foundation's Sea-Level Rise and Coastal Habitats of the Chesapeake Bay details the potential effects of sea level rise on the fish, waterfowl and other wildlife in the Chesapeake region. Read more...<http://www.nwf.org/sealevelrise/chesapeake.cfm>

Report on climate change, DCNR lands available for public comment

DCNR Secretary Michael DiBerardinis recently announced that the report of the agency's Carbon Management Advisory Group is available online for public comment. Read more...<http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/news/resource/res2008/08-0521-carboncomments.aspx>.

Invasive Algae Found in Maryland Stream

A non-native, invasive alga called Didymo or "Stream Snot", discovered by anglers in Gunpowder Falls, has the potential to damage important stream bottom habitat. Read more... <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/dnrnews/pressrelease2008/050608c.html>

Chopped Up – The average size of a forest tract in the Bay watershed is decreasing

Bay Journal explores how an increase in private citizen ownership of forested land in Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania is a concern for the health of the Bay and its tributaries. Read more...<http://www.bayjournal.com/article.cfm?article=3326>

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WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP

SHANKS MARE OUTFITTERS CELEBRATES 30-YEARS ON THE RIVER WITH ISLAND CLEANUP – Jun 7

The public is invited to join Shank's Mare Outfitters, in partnership with the Watershed Alliance of York, PPL Corporation, Republic Services, Inc., Safe Harbor Water Power Corporation, and York Waste Disposal to help clean up floatable debris, trash and tires from Green, Rookery and Big Islands of the Lower Susquehanna River. The river island cleanup is planned for Saturday, June 7, 2008, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., weather and river conditions permitting. All volunteers should report to the cleanup's staging area located at the Susquehanna Boat Works Marina, Boathouse Road, Long Level, Lower Windsor Township, for sign-in, safety briefing and cleanup assignments. Pre-registration by volunteers is requested. Long sleeved and legged work cloths, steel-shank waders or work boots, and sun hat are recommended for island workers; short sleeved and legged cloths and sun hat are suitable for shoreline duty. Trash bags, work gloves, energy snacks, bottled water, sunscreen lotion, insect repellent, and lunch will be provided to volunteers. Weather and river conditions will be monitored from June 1st to 6th; the final cleanup decision will be made Friday afternoon and posted on our web site below. For cleanup weather and river conditions confirmation call Shanks Mare Outfitters at (717) 252-1616. To pre-register for the cleanup, either e-mail WAY at gpeacock@yorkccd.org or call (717) 840-7430, and give your name, number of volunteers, and telephone number. The Watershed Alliance of York is a coalition of stakeholders committed to encouraging watershed-based planning, restoration and protection in York County and beyond. To learn more about WAY, please visit our web site at www.watershedsyork.org.

Lobby Day for Great Green Jobs – Jun 10

Tuesday, June 10, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (lunch provided). Join for as much time as you have available. Pennsylvania State Capital Meet between 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in Section B, Cafeteria. Press Conference, Capital Media Center, 1:30 p.m. Help support legislation that will save money, fight global warming, and create Great Green Jobs for Pennsylvania. Two bills before the State Senate, the [Energy Savings Bill](#) (House Bill 2200) and the [Clean Energy Funding Bill](#) (Special Session House Bill 1), would give families and businesses the tools and information they need to cut costs and their energy bills, fight global warming, and create Great Green Jobs in Pennsylvania. The bills passed in the House earlier this year, so all efforts are aimed at the Senate. Join this lobby effort to be part of the solution! We must pass this legislation before the legislature breaks for the summer. Meetings will be scheduled with senators throughout the day. Click here <http://my.pennfuture.org/site/Calendar?view=Detail&id=100761> to RSVP for this event. Car pooling will be organized. Sponsored by Citizens for Pennsylvania's Future, PennEnvironment, and Clean Air Council. For more information, call 717-214-7920 or toll-free 800-321-7775

U.S. Botanic Garden's Summer Exhibit, One Planet - Ours!

Focuses on Sustainability for the 22nd Century Opening Memorial Day week-end and running through Columbus Day on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., the United States Botanic Garden's summer exhibition focuses on "sustainability" and demonstrates ways that each of us and our communities can live for tomorrow, as well as for today. Organizations from around the country are participating in this exhibit. EPA helped develop display panels on Green Infrastructure/Low Impact Development that are inside the Conservatory building as well as a number of displays in the outside adjacent gardens. EPA's Greenscaping Program has a display near the entrance to the Conservatory building which includes a rain barrel, composting bin, pervious pavement and other green practices. EPA's Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds collaborated with Penn State University's Department to build a demonstration green roof at eye-level. More than 40 exhibits on different aspects of sustainability are on display. The U.S. Botanic Garden's exhibit, One Planet - Ours! opened May 24 and will remain on display through October 13, 2008. The U.S. Botanic Garden Conservatory is located at 100 Maryland Ave., SW on the west side of the U.S. Capitol. The closest Metrorail stop is Capitol South. For more information on this exhibit, see <http://www.usbg.gov/education/events/One-Planet-Ours.cfm>

Camp isn't just for kids anymore

The Bayer Center says camp isn't just for kids anymore. We offer you summer enrichment in a relaxed, fun atmosphere. Our new, first ever full summer catalog of classes (which include technology, finance, fundraising, marketing and more!) is attached to this e-mail, and is currently available on our website. Go to www.rmu.edu/bcnm and click on the "Summer Camp" button on our main page. We hope to see you here at the Bayer Center this summer!

Friends and Family of ACB

As all of you know, I work for the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay and as some of you know, there has been some changes within the organization, changes that I feel are good and necessary for the organization to enhance its work. The staff and board are energized to move forward with a new director and with a new strategic plan that emphasizes our work to support local watershed organizations and local governments to speed the Bay restoration process. This approach reaches to the heart of the Chesapeake Bay issue in that we need all of the citizens of the Bay Watershed actively involved in helping to protect and restore it and it is these local organizations that will lead that charge. The Alliance's aim is to advocate for and provide the resources that will allow them to be effective. If you were considering supporting the Alliance at some point this year, do it today! Please visit www.ACB-online.org to learn more, become a member, or donate to the Alliance. Thank you for your consideration. Lou Etgen, Program Director, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay. Phone: 410-377-6270. Fax: 410-377-7144.

Grand Opening date for Foundry Park on the Codorus – Jun 12

Greetings! Hello members of Codorus Watershed Endowment and Beautiful York Endowment! This email serves three purposes: To announce the Grand Opening date for Foundry Park on the Codorus: June 12, 2008 – 4 PM – across from Susquehanna Commerce Center Downtown Inc will be operating the event and the programming all summer! Please mark your calendars to attend and participate the opening of this beautiful new venue! To provide you with information about sponsoring a Gear Flower in the GEAR GARDEN! To provide you with information about sponsorship opportunities for the SPLASH! Summer programming at Foundry Park on the Codorus. Contact JJ Sheffer at Downtown Inc at 849.2331 if interested! Thanks! See you at Foundry Park on the Codorus on June 12! Bryan Bryan K. Tate Vice President, Community Investment York County Community Foundation 14 West Market Street York, PA 17401-1617 717.848.3733 or btate@yccf.org www.yccf.org. Connecting People Who Care With Causes That Matter

